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## In the claims:

## Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A disposable package for consumable contents comprising:

For a container useful to package consumable contents having a surrounding wall of upstanding, generally flexible material extending from a container bottom to a wide mouth defined by a rim formation, of greater relative thickness than said surrounding wall, said mouth being of greater than two inch minimum horizontal dimension and being about as wide as the horizontal cross section of a top of the container;

a removable <u>suspension device comprising</u>: <u>lid at least partially closing said mouth, the</u> <u>lid having</u>

a [[rim]] ring portion extending over and removably engageable engaged with the rim formation of the mouth of the container to form at least part of an attachment of the lid to the container, said attachment being constructed to support the container and its contents when suspended by said lid; and

[[a]] an inwardly positioned flexible suspending element extending from the lid and arranged to be raised from an as-formed position to a raised position to be engaged by a thin support element, the suspending element being sized and arranged, with a length less than about 5 inches, such that when engaged by said support element, the suspending element to suspend[[s]] the container by its [[lid]] rim formation in a position below the support, for at least one of display or [[and]] transport.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The <u>suspension device</u> disposable package of claim 1, wherein the suspending element comprises an element defining a <u>single</u> an opening, through which said support element can be inserted for engagement.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The <u>suspension device</u> disposable package of claim 1, wherein the suspending element is a <u>sheet-form element that is</u> flexible <u>along its length</u> strand comprising at least one of a cord, string, ribbon, thong, strap, filament and wire.

Claims 4-9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Currently Amended) The disposable package suspension device of claim 1, wherein the ring portion lid includes a plastic rim and the suspending element are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit comprises an extension of the rim.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The <u>suspension device disposable package</u> of claim 10, wherein the suspending element is joined integrally to said rim portion of said lid, and is at least one of positioned and movable to a position above the lid.

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

- 14. (Currently Amended) The suspension device disposable package of claim 1 [[12]] in which the suspending element in its as-formed relaxed position/lies flat across the device extends inwardly from the rim portion of the lid.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The <u>suspension device disposable package</u> of claim 1 [[14]] in which the suspending element extends inwardly, as a flexible integral projection from the rim portion of the lid to a free end <u>arranged to be engaged by a support which defines an opening through which said support element may be inserted.</u>

Claims 16-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A disposable package for consumable contents, comprising:

For a container useful to package consumable contents having a surrounding wall of upstanding, generally flexible material extending from a container bottom to a wide mouth defined by a rim formation, of greater relative thickness than said surrounding wall, said mouth being of greater than two inch minimum horizontal dimension and being about as wide as the horizontal cross-section of a top of the container;

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a removable suspension device comprising lid at least partially closing the mouth and having a [[rim]] ring portion extending over and removably engageable engaged with the rim formation of the mouth of the container to form at least part of an attachment of the lid to the container, the rim formation of the container and the rim portion of the lid defining a rim region of the package; and

a single an inwardly positioned suspending element extending from a the rim region, said element located to suspend the container package at a tilted orientation, such that the lid of the container, so suspended, is tilted relative to the orientation extends at a greater angle to horizontal than does the lid of the container when rested upon its said bottom.

29. (Currently Amended) The <u>suspension device</u> disposable package of claim 28, wherein the suspending element extends from <u>said</u> the rim ring portion of the lid.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

- 31. (Currently Amended) The <u>suspension device</u> disposable package of claim 28, wherein the suspending element comprises an opening, through which said support element can be inserted for engagement.
- 32. (Currently Amended) The disposable package of claim 31, wherein the suspending element is of [[a]] flexible sheet form strand comprising at least one of a cord, string, ribbon, thong, strap, filament and wire.

Claims 33-67. (Cancelled)

- 68. (Currently Amended) The disposable package of claim 73 [[28]] in combination with a display rack on which the package is suspended by the suspending element.
- 69. (Original) The combination of claim 68, wherein the display rack defines a horizontal support rod on which multiple units of said package are suspended, each by its suspending element.

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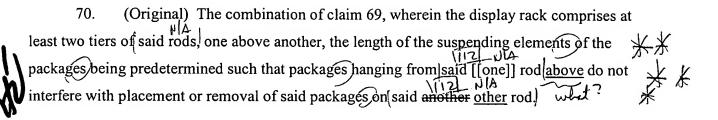
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- 71. (Original) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises a rod bent in V-shape, and mounted on a support such that the rod provides two rod sections which diverge from one another.
- 72. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 69 in which the display rack comprises a [[A]] multiple tier display assembly in which at least two tiers of the display are defined each by a rod bent in "V" form, said at least two tiers being generally aligned vertically with one another.
- (New) The suspension device of claim 1 combined with said container to form a 73. disposable package.
- 74. (New) The disposable package of claim 73 in which said wall of said container is of generally flexible material which extends from said bottom to a wide mouth, said rim formation being of greater relative thickness than said surrounding wall.
- (New) The disposable package of claim 73 in which said mouth is greater than 75. two inch minimum horizontal dimension) and being about as wide as the horizontal cross-section of a top of the container.
- (New) The suspension device of claim 1 including a central panel forming a 76. closure.
- 77. (New) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises paper.

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78. (New) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises foil.

79. (New) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises

film.

80. (New) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel carries

printing.

(New) The suspension device of claim 76, wherein the central panel has a clear

section through which at least one of the contents and an internal seal may be viewed.

(New) The suspension device of claim 28 including a central panel forming a 82.

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83. (New) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises

paper.

84. (New) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises

foil.

85. (New) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises

film.

(New) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel carries

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(New) The suspension device disposable package of claim 82wherein the central of

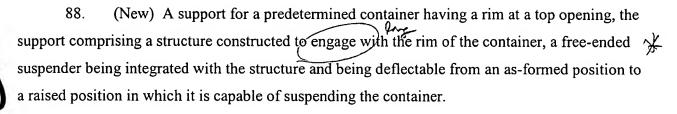
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- 89. (New) The support of claim 88 in which the suspender extends from a root region located in the vicinity of said engagement of said structure with said rim.
  - 90. (New) The support of claim 88 in which the suspender is of sheet form.
- 91. (New) The support of claim 88 in which the structure and said suspender are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit.
  - 92. (New) The support of claim 91 including a central panel joined to said ring.
- 93. (New) The support of claim 88 in which the suspender is offset relative to an axis of said structure to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspender.
- 94. (New) The support of claim 88 in which the structure is a supporting ring and suspender as formed lies flat within said supporting ring.
  - 95. (New) A free-ended suspender associated with a support ring for a container, the suspender having an axis of elongation and comprising a flexible root region of (relatively short) extent along said axis of elongation, a main body of substantially greater extent along said axis, and a terminal end shaped to receive a support.
  - 96. (New) The suspender of claim 95, in which said main body comprises an elongated leg portion, the terminal end comprising a head defining an engageable formation.

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97. (New) The suspender of claim 96, in which said leg portion is of lesser lateral

extent than said root portion and the engageable formation.

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98. (New) The suspender of claim 97, the suspender being of sheet form and said engageable formation comprising an opening in the distal end of said suspender.

- 99. (New) A support structure for a container comprising a supporting ring having an axis of symmetry and an elongated, flexible suspender joined to said structure inwardly of said ring, asymmetrically with respect to said ring in manner to cause the container supported by said ring to hang at an angle.
- 100. (New) The support of claim 99, in which said flexible suspender is secured to said ring at a single root region.
- 101. (New) The support structure of claim 99 in which the suspender is of length exceeding at half of the minimum transverse dimension of the supporting ring.

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